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The condition of standing crops in wet lands irrigated by private wells is fair for the present. It is reported that all private wells contain adequate supply and that therefore there is every possibility of the standing wet crops being harvested successfully. So far as the crops already harvested were concerned, the yield was good. Seasonal remission of land revenue will be called for only in cases of wet lands in which there has been a failure of crops for want of supplies in the irrigation sources concerned.

As regards dry lands, there is no need for remission as the rainfall received was useful for dry crops. Groundnut is the main dry crop, and it has yielded a fair outturn.

The prices of foodgrains do not show any fall even during the harvest season and this has benefited the agriculturists financially. The standing crops are also reported to be in a good condition. In the circumstances there is no need to postpone the collection of loan instalments.

III.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HON. SPEAKER *RE.* WAIVER OF NOTICE UNDER RULE 94.

MR. SPEAKER: I have to call the attention of the Government to Rule 94 and Rule 107 of the Assembly Rules. Rule 94 makes it clear that six days' notice should be given to the House of all Bills, unless, of course, the Speaker waives notice. I have in this case waived notice, but member after member has complained to me that sufficient notice has not been given to him, and that in some cases only 24 hours' notice has been given. I waive notice now because I do not want to hold up the business of the House. I have written to the Leader of the House in this matter. I have written to the Government also a number of times that this application for waiver of notice must not be resorted to as a matter of course and that waiver of notice could be had only in extraordinary circumstances. Even the report of a Select Committee has got to be placed before this House five days before it is taken into consideration. I regret this is not being done. The report of the Joint Select Committee on the Bhoodan Yagna Bill was placed on the table only yesterday. I must say that I do not want to hold up the business of the House, but if this thing is going to be repeated, I shall in future refuse to waive notice, and the Government cannot blame the Speaker for holding up the business of the Government.

IV.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS BHOODAN YAGNA BILL, 1957 (L.A. BILL NO. 15 OF 1957.)

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to present the report [a] of the Joint Select Committee on the Madras Bhoodan Yagna Bill, 1957 (L.A. Bill No. 15 of 1957).

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a Printed as Appendix on pages 490–504 infra.